

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1600**  
**PATENT**

Attorney Docket No. 10525.0004-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Tsuyoshi Maekawa et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1624
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Application No.: 10/517,214	)	Examiner: Cecilia M. Jaisle
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Filed: March 1, 2005	)	Confirmation No.: 7396
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For: 1,2-AZOLE DERIVATIVES WITH	)	<b>Mail Stop AF</b>
HYPOGLYCEMIC AND	)	
HYPOLIPIDEMIC ACTIVITY	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This reply is filed in response to the final Office action mailed September 17, 2008. This reply is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a request for a one-month extension of time with appropriate fee. This reply is timely since January 17, 2009, and January 19 and 20 were considered Federal Holidays by the Office. Prompt and favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments and remarks below is respectfully requested. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.